

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Unlicensed naturopathic or homeopathic practice**

#### **Do I need to be licensed to practice naturopathy or homeopathy in California?**

No. You do not need a license to practice naturopathy and homeopathy in California. However, you must disclose in your advertisements and on your client intake form that you are providing unlicensed healing arts services (Business and Professions Code sections 2053.5 and 2053.6).

#### **Can I advertise as a naturopath?**

Yes. You may advertise as a naturopath, traditional naturopath, or homeopath but you must state in your advertisements that you are not licensed by the State of California.

#### **Do I need to tell my clients that I'm not licensed?**

Yes. Before you begin treatment, you must inform each client in writing that you are not licensed. All clients must confirm in writing that they were given information about your license status (Business and Professions Code section 2053.6).

#### **I am board certified and hold a degree in naturopathic medicine but cannot get a license because my school is not approved. Can I still use the title ND or naturopathic physician?**

No. You must be licensed by the Bureau of Naturopathic Medicine to use the titles ND or naturopathic doctor (Business and Professions Code section 3660). <http://www.naturopathic.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml>

#### **If I use the title ND or naturopathic doctor without being licensed, what will happen?**

If you use the titles illegally, you would be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, or a year in jail, or both (Business and Professions Code section 3664).

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